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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

INFORMATION

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- 1. EMBASSY COMMENDS DEPARTMENT FOR REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL WHICH WE BELIEVE IS REFLECTIVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PAKISTAN. SEVERAL RELATIVELY MINOR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES FOLLOW.
- 2. AT END OF FIRST PARAGRAPH IN SECTION FIVE INSERT COMMA AFTER WORD "LIBERTIES" AND ADD THE FOLLOWING PHRASE "ALTHOUGH THE PPP CONTROLS SUFFICIENT) SEATS IN THE PARLIAMENT TO PASS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS WHICH CAN AFFECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE COURTS."
- 3. AT END OF THIRD PARAGRAPH IN SECTION FIVE ADD THE FOLLOWING. "THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHICH WAS DECLARED IN THE WAKE OF THE BANGLADESH WAR, IS STILL IN EFFECT. THE SUSPENSION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH WAS DECLARED IN 1972, WAS LIFTED IN AUGUST 1974."
- 4. IN SECTION 6, A, STRIKE THE PHRASE "ARTICLE 3" AND CONFIDENTIAL

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AT END OF SENTENCE BEGINNING "LIFE, LIBERTY AND

SECURITY..." ADD THE FOLLOWING, "(CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES 4 AND 9)".

- 5. IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH, STRIKE THE PHRASE "ARTICLE 5", AND AT END OF FIRST SENTENCE ADD THE FOLLOWING "(ARTICLE 14)". SUGGEST THAT THIRD SENTENCE OF SAME PARAGRAPH BE CHANGED TO READ "THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS ABUSES DIRECTED AT SUSPECTS..."
- 6. IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH, STRIKE THE PHRASE "ARTICLE 8". AFTER FIRST SENTENCE ADD THE FOLLOWING. " ARTICLE 199."
- 7. IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH MOVE THE PHRASE "ARTICLE 10" FROM BEGINNING TO END OF PARAGRAPH.
- 8. IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 6-A, STRIKE THE PHRASE "ARTICLE 11". SUGGEST LAST SENTENCE READ "ATTEMPTING TO MANIPULATE THE JUDICIAL PROCESS FOR POLITICAL ENDS..."
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